

**PRIMARY AND RELATED SERVICES FUNDED VIA MCKINNEY-VENTO
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT IN IOWA
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Abstract:

McKinney-Vento funds will be used to expand the existing ***Bright Kids, Bright Futures Literacy Program***. This program provides after-school and summer extended learning opportunities for at-risk students. Homeless students will be served in these programs along with other at-risk students. Recent data collection in the district identified 15% of the student population as being homeless. The high percentage is primarily due to the influx of Hispanic migrants. The purpose of the program is to address the literacy needs of students who struggle to reach grade-level proficiency on reading assessments. After a reading assessment, teachers will group learners according to identified literacy needs. The program will incorporate the Picture Word Induction Model, Talk Aloud and Think Aloud Strategies, and utilize leveled text in literacy groups. Many hands-on learning activities will be incorporated into the themed units. Materials will feature life skills, self-esteem, social skills, character ed, career opportunities, nutrition, and important health issues. A variety of vocabulary strategies will be incorporated into the instruction to address the learning needs of ELL students as well as students whose limited life experiences have resulted in knowledge-based and vocabulary deficits. Students will be provided with a nutritious snack. Four planned parent workshops will be conducted.